



Brig. Gen. Mark Anderson, commander of the Wisconsin Army National Guard, congratulates Lt. Col. David James Whitehorse Klausner during a promotion ceremony at Madison's Joint Force Headquarters March 19.

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Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison honors Vietnam Veteran's Day on March 29. "Rock" Greendeer read President Cleveland's Proclamation to the crowd. The Thundercloud Singers honored veteran's who served as the Madison Recruiting Company Color Guard raised the flags.

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# A new look!

## Ho-Chunk Hotel undergoing major changes



John Kozlowicz  
Staff Writer

Ten years after its opening in 2000, the lodging accommodations at Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center are taking on a new and improved look.

Hotel Executive Manager, Jon Warner explained that as part of following the industry trend, the Nation's flagship hotel will soon be offering different room packages. Warner stressed that while the level of customer service will remain consistent throughout the hotel, rooms will now be priced according to their location within the hotel and the features and amenities offered.

Since it opened, all rooms in the hotel were priced the same, regardless of where in the hotel they were located. The new and updated look will feature four classes of rooms; Deluxe, Custom, Luxury and Premium, that will all offer different degrees of amenities. Warner explained, for example, that the Deluxe rooms will be remodeled versions of the old standard rooms,

while upgraded rooms may be closer to the Aquatic Center or offer the patron fresh flowers in the rooms upon arrival. He added that when the remodeling is completed, the hotel will have only 24 Deluxe rooms, all on the first floor. All other rooms will be upgrades to what was previously offered. The changes will reduce the number of rooms available from 315 to 296.

During the renovation all rooms in the hotel are being recarpeted and repainted. The furniture and beds will be new and each room will have a flat screen television. The bathrooms all will have a new look. In some rooms, the bathrooms have been moved and separate shower and bath will be added. Each floor will now have its own laundry area with vending machines. The hallways walls and floors throughout the hotel are also being given a new look.

Warner continued that the renovation includes the creation of a VIP Wing on the fourth floor. Twenty rooms will become 10 larger rooms and a special access card will be needed to get into that wing that will also feature a lounge area.

The renovation project started in February when the entire first floor closed and Warner is expecting the entire project to be completed in June.

From April 11-May 14 there will be 55 rooms available at the hotel. On May 14, 72 rooms on the first floor are expected to reopen. Rooms on the second floor are expected to open on May 22. The third floor is expected to open on June 17 and the fourth floor on June 19. During the construction,



Ho-Chunk Casino Hotel begins the first phase of renovations.

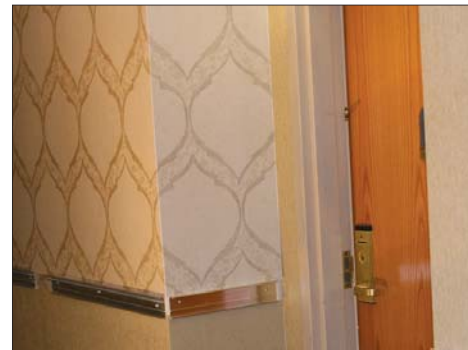
hotel staff has made arrangements with other hotels in the area to provide rooms for Convention Center patrons and other guests.

While touring the hotel, Warner explained that typically, a hotel renovates or upgrades three to seven percent of its rooms annually. Because the hotel was 10 years old and a decision was made to follow industry standards, the changes were needed, he said.

The Interior Designer is Devenish Associates, Inc. from Madison, WI. Maas Brothers Construction from Watertown, WI is in charge of the construction management.

In early April, Maas Brothers had about 35 carpenters, electricians, plumbers and other personnel working at the site. Much of the work was being done by Ho-Chunk Hotel staff members and the Nation's TERO and 477 programs have also provided help.

Warner added that because fewer rooms are available



Keep an eye out for more renovations to come.

and thus there is a reduced need for housekeepers and other hotel staff, management is taking the opportunity to better train the staff. "It's all part of our effort to gain Five-Star Accreditation," he said.

Warner concluded that he is excited about the changes and is confident the changes will make Ho-Chunk Hotel competitive with other resort hotels in the area.

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Due to the Easter Holiday the tribal offices will be closing at noon on Good Friday, April 22, 2011 and all day April 25, 2011.

# The Journey of Hope to Beat Diabetes

## Annual Conference focuses on prevention and education

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

On April 6-7, nearly 300 Ho-Chunk Nation members and other visitors attended the 6th Annual Keeping Hope Alive Diabetes Conference at Ho-Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.

Along with speakers and breakout sessions that focused on the cause and prevention of a disease that affects nearly 23 million Americans, the event gave those attending the opportunity to participate in exercise activities and learn more about proper diet and exercise by visiting various booths

one-quarter of the Nation's membership has the disease, Dr. DeLong urged everyone "to take charge of your own health and make the changes needed to prevent or control the disease." Because the Nation has provided the help needed to learn about the diabetes, she encouraged everyone to learn about and take control of the disease if diagnosed. Because establishing a proper diet is one of the keys to preventing diabetes, she stressed the need to eat healthier and eat together as a family. She asked that families "turn off the TV and turn on to family

know, he said, was that his daughter was being bullied and forced to do things that he believes she ordinarily would not do or tried to do.

When she was found dead in her room with a piece of clothing around her neck, apparently the victim of a "choking game" popular with today's youth, Nichols admitted "I couldn't figure out what happened. Her death made me reevaluate my life as a man."

Nichols believes that because what the youth are doing today will affect future generations; they need to be taught what generates a healthy lifestyle. He stressed that when he is at home he and his children eat together and watch TV that is educational or culturally orientated.

He is concerned that Native youth have few people they can relate to in sports or politics. Because of the lack of Native role models in the national media, Nichols warned "there is a need to give our kids a positive identity in their communities that will lead to a healthy lifestyle." He added that tribal communities need to work with public school districts to create more programs geared to Native youth.

Nichols explained that there is money available to help tribal communities, and tribes need to take advantage of what's available. "It's time for the movement that led Native people into the mainstream in sports and politics," he said.

He concluded that Native communities need to learn how to distribute healthy foods to their members. "Major companies know how to distribute Coke and candy to our people. It's time we started distributing healthy ideas and things in our communities." He promised that "if we work together we can make the changes."

Later, Nichol's wife Melissa shared her views on what parents, families and communities can do to raise a healthier generation.

More about the workshops will be in the next issue of Hocak Worak coming out April 29.



Master of Ceremonies Jason "Smoke" Nichols and wife, Melissa at the Keeping Hope Alive Conference.



The Winnebago Sons sing the opening and closing songs at the Keeping Hope Alive Conference.



Those attending the Keeping Hope Alive Conference had access to information at booths throughout the Convention Center.

throughout the Convention Center. Comedian Mark Yaffee and musician Jason "Smoke" Nichols were part of the Tuesday evening entertainment. The Winnebago Sons provided songs at the beginning and at the end of the conference.

In their opening remarks Ho-Chunk Nation health providers, Dr. Alec Thundercloud and Dr. Amy DeLong explained that although the Nation has made great strides in educating its members about diabetes, the "Journey of Hope to Beat Diabetes" is a long way from the finish line.

Dr. Thundercloud, the Ho-Chunk Nation's Medical Director, is confident the disease can be prevented. "We have a cure for diabetes," he said. "That is prevention." He added that we need to educate children about healthy lifestyles, a job that should not be left entirely to health providers. "We need the Nation's mothers and fathers to help us," he concluded.

Dr. DeLong, a physician at the House of Wellness, agrees that diabetes is 100 percent preventable. Concerned that

meals."

The Master of Ceremonies throughout the conference was Jason "Smoke" Nichols, a Nakota/Chippewa Cree, who shared his story of personal tragedy and offered his ideas on how to distribute health ideas and things in Native communities. "If we teach our kids to respect our elders and if we work together, we can make the changes that make healthy communities."

Smoke explained that he visited over 250 Native communities last year and throughout his travels he noticed that there was a lack of the stories and recipes being passed on to the younger generation. "We need to push our youth toward a healthy lifestyle and diet," he said. "It starts with teaching kids our culture."

The father of six children, ages two to 10, Nichols shared the tragic story of his oldest child's suicide two years ago. Then a sixth grader, his 12-year-old was doing well in school and in extracurricular activities. "However," he said, "my daughter had a life I never knew about." What he didn't

### Phrases to Practice:

Peežega?

Who?

Peežega reekjene?

Who is going?

Jaagu hiše?

What did you say?

Jaagu rooragu?

what do you want?

\_\_\_\_\_ haac j ja je?

Where is \_\_\_\_\_?

Jaajanag i hihikjanawi?

When will we be there?

Jaajanag i hijnucap hikjanawi?

When are we going to get that?

Jaagu 'u?

Why?

Jaagu 'u waš 'u?

Why did you do that?

Letter to tribal members:

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### ANNUAL ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS

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The Office of Tribal Enrollment



# Skittles... not just candy anymore!

Sara L. Peterson  
Staff Writer

On March 17, a presentation was held at the House of Wellness in Baraboo, to inform community members of the new dangers involving our youth and prescription drugs. The event was sponsored by Ho-Chunk Social Services Department.

Skittling, is a slang term which refers to the abuse of cough syrup. The term comes from the fact that cough medicine pills are often red or brightly colored and resemble skittles candy. "Skittling" is taking extremely large doses of cough medicine to get high.

Are you concerned about your children or grandchildren having easy access to prescribed medications? Some youth have been taking these prescription pills from their parents, grandparents and anywhere else that they have access to them. When mixed with other drugs they can pose a real threat to the health of the youth abusing them.

Pharmacist Ted Hall spoke on how, "All prescription drugs are dangerous if not taken as prescribed. There are many factors that go into the dosing in these drugs, such as weight, other medications being taken, age...etc. When

these drugs are mixed and ingested, the consequences can be fatal."

Preventative measures can be taken by parents, community members and schools. It is extremely important that everyone involved become educated on skittling. Talk to your children about the dangers, and lock all prescription drugs away in a safe container.

Elders that were in attendance were given locked security boxes to keep their prescription pills in a safe place.



Ho-Chunk House of Wellness Pharmacist Mr. Hall presenting about the dangers of prescription medications.

## Ho-Chunk Nation Healing Center Project moves forward

John Kozlowicz  
Staff Writer

At a March 31 meeting held with Project Facilitator Tom Weber and architect Tom Strollo, members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing Center Project and other tribal members continued to identify what they believe will be needed to provide a safe place for those who need to heal.

After touring other facilities, Project members Carson Funmaker, Jean Ann Day and Rep. Roberta Decorah shared some of what they saw. While all the other facilities offered something positive, the three agreed that physically, the proposed Healing Center should be a place that makes people feel welcome. When creating an environment where Ho-Chunk people will come to be reborn or reprogrammed, Funmaker stressed, "We do not want to create an institutional environment."

In his preliminary sketches, Strollo has the Center taking the shape of a cipoteke, part of his desire to create something that reflects the Native culture. Rep. Decorah, who stated that she has been praying for something like this since 2002 added, "We want the people to know it's a safe place for them. We've seen the bad. Now we want to see the good stuff. It will be a cultural shift."

While the current focus is on the Healing Center, Day would like to see a Juvenile Justice Center be built nearby. The combination of services would be the first of its kind in Indian Country, she said,

and would "help our children learn to be Ho-Chunk again."

Though it has not been decided if the Healing Center will offer outpatient or residential care, or perhaps both, separate living quarters for men and women are in the preliminary plan. Weber stressed "the building isn't important as what goes on within the building is." As the Nation seeks to help those coming to the Center using a holistic approach, tribal member Conroy Greendeer urged that Project members develop a healing program based on teaching Ho-Chunk values. "Conventional ways are not working and we need to take a different perspective and teach the Ho-Chunk way. We need to put our hearts and minds into it," he said.

Following a brief discussion on services would be covered by insurance; Day noted that as a part of executing our sovereignty, "the Nation should tell insurance how much they will pay." Rep. Decorah added "if we do this right we can help all Native people."

Because he believes that the site selection and costs "can make or break a program," Weber explained the need to select a site and decide how many patients the Healing Center can serve. "Obviously the larger the building the more expensive it will be," he said. This was Meeting #11 of the "Kijire Nagu" Development Project and after discussing the sites still under consideration, Weber stated that the planning process was ahead of schedule. "We're at the point in the planning

where pretty soon Tom (Strollo) and I are gonna start pushing for answers."

After touring various Ho-Chunk Nation owned sites, the Development Project team has narrowed the choices to the O'Conner Property in Eau Claire County, Whirling Thunder Ranch and Muscoda.

As reported earlier, the design of the building will be culturally related and built to provide an abundance of natural light. Strollo added that the mechanics of the building will be kept simple as a means of avoiding high repair and maintenance costs. Current plans call for the treatment facility (the main building) to have a lobby, a great room that will be an area for family visits, group rooms, counselor offices, classrooms, meditation rooms, restrooms and offices. Most of the rooms will be multi-functional. The main building will also have a dining room, kitchen, laundry and indoor recreation area. Patient living quarters will feature two bedrooms, a living room and a bathroom with no kitchen. Weber concluded, "We're not building a monument. We're building a functioning building that will be designed to expand and change in the

future if needed."

The Circle of Care Master Plan is a cultural program that includes the involvement or creation of the Traditional Court, Detox Center, Medical Center, Juvenile Facility, Adult Treatment Facility, Re-Entry Facility Program, Aftercare Facility Program and Educational Vocational Program.

After discussing budgeting and forecasting costs, identifying potential start up funding streams and establishing a finance sub-committee to initiate contacts for financial support, Weber

outlined the next steps for the project. They include:

- Refine site evaluation criteria for consideration of the process for site recommendation.
- Receive collected data, analyze the data and provide summary statements to the Data Review Team. Engage in bed projections and bed forecasting.
- Develop facility concept/ footprint/layout of facility for Planning Review Team.
- Draft initial Comprehensive Master Plan Report.

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# The Ho-Chunk Nation wins 2 awards at Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Safety Summit

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The Ho-Chunk Nation shined on March 24, 2011 when they were presented with 2 WisDOT Tribal Affairs Transportation Safety Awards at the Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Safety Summit held in Hayward, WI. The planning committee selected award winners in the following areas: Engineering Safety, Education Safety, Safety Enforcement and Emergency Response.

Nikki Thunder-Kiesow, Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Coordinator, was presented an award for Education. Thunder-Kiesow also gave a presentation at the Summit titled, "Strategies to Reduce Motor Vehicle Injuries in Native American Communities." The presentation described Ho-Chunk Safety Campaigns which detailed her work throughout the years with the Motor Vehicle Injury

Prevention Program which include: Car seat events, seat belt presentations, car crash simulations, safety camps, safety expos, and health and wellness safety expos. Mrs. Thunder-Kiesow has spoken many times at various events for diverse groups of Transportation professionals, colleagues, and community members. On the topic of presenting Nikki feels, "It is a good experience getting the program out there and letting people know about it."

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Pilot Program began in 2005, the funding was obtained by retired grants writer, Linda Severson and the HCN Department of Health. There were only 4 tribes selected by the CDC, which include the Ho-Chunk Nation, San Carlos Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe and Tohono O'odham Apache Tribe. This is the first award that Nicole has

won for the program and strives to make the program successful. She wants to impact the community and target different groups to raise awareness on Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Issues.

An Engineering award was also presented to the BIA Roads Division/Coleman Engineering Co. for a 3-sided culvert project located in the town of Brockway. This was in recognition of the Brockway Road Culvert Replacement Project that began after flooding occurred in Black River Falls in September 2010. The project will be completed later this spring. The culvert's design follows the FEMA 100 year flood requirement. Kevin Trevillian was the designer. This is the first award that the HCN BIA Roads Division has won.

There are plans for two other projects in the future similar to this project. The Awards will be presented formally this



**The Brockway Road Culvert Replacement Project that began after flooding occurred in Black River Falls in September 2010.**

fall at the Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference.

Due to the snowstorm that hit during the conference, organizers of the event decided to offer the summit via webinar, allowing both the speakers and participants to be present online versus missing the event completely,

or ending up in a ditch trying to get there. Some of the topics included Crash Data, GIS Mapping, FHWA Highway Safety Improvement Program, Engineering Projects, Educational Campaigns, and Enforcement/EMS.

# Ho-Chunk Casino gets recognized for outstanding pool maintenance

Sara L. Peterson  
Staff Writer

State Laws require pools to meet certain safety, health and sanitation requirements. Recently, the Ho-Chunk Casino and Hotel has been recognized for its outstanding quality and maintenance of the pool.

When people use pools where there is a heavy chlorine odor in the air it directly correlates to the sanitary conditions of the pool. When people are using these pools they may suffer from red puffy eyes, or stinging eyes, which may be thought to be caused by the chlorine when in fact it is caused by chlorine fighting pee or other foreign organisms in a pool. The Center for Disease Control issued that nearly 1 in 5 people urinate or have urinated in public pools.

Ho-Chunk maintenance staff has done a wonderful job in creating and maintaining a safe, clean place for our families and guests to swim. The swimming pool located at the House of Wellness is also at the same level of cleanliness as the one at Ho-Chunk Casino.



**The pool located at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells.**

# Gas prices on the rise

Submitted by First Nations  
Community Financial

An abrupt jump in gas prices has motorists once again peevied at the pumps. Oil industry expert's said popular uprisings, especially in Libya, Egypt and Bahrain, sent gasoline prices up because of the rise in the price of crude oil- the feedstock for making gasoline.

The United States derives about two-thirds of its oil from abroad, and half of that comes from the Middle East.

While the price of bread, milk, and other daily necessities remains fairly consistent, gas prices often

seem quite illogical. However, it's not the gas station owner who is determining the price you pay at the pump. Over 85 percent of the price of gasoline is determined before it even arrives at the station.

As you might expect, supply and demand is one of the key factors that causes gas prices to rise. During the summer, when drivers typically plan vacations the price of gas goes up. Gas prices also rise briefly around Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other holidays where people are expected to travel.

Since there are a number of factors that affect the

price of gasoline, finding cheap gas prices can be quite difficult. Driving around your town to find the gas station that will save you a few pennies is simply not a practical choice. If you're truly concerned about high gas prices, the best course of action is to make an effort to reduce your consumption. Keep your vehicle well-maintained to avoid using more gas than necessary and consider making your next purchase a more fuel-efficient vehicle. You can also consolidate your errands to eliminate unnecessary trips, carpool with a friend, walk

or bike to your destination when the weather permits, and take public transportation whenever possible.

Also, don't forget to use your tribal member discount when filling up at any of the Nation's C-stores. The amount a Ho-Chunk Tribal Member receives is equal to the amount of tax the state charges on fuel.

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# Records Management Division expands

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Recognized as one of the premier programs of its kind in Indian County, the Ho-Chunk Nation Records Management Division has recently added more space to its cold storage and secure vault areas.

Built as an addition to existing cold storage warehouse near the Executive Building, the new addition features a 1,400 square foot vault capable of holding over 4,000 boxes of permanently stored records, a cold storage area with the potential to shelve 9,000 boxes, an environmentally clean shredder room and an office to be shared by Records Division personnel.

Currently the Division has approximately 30,000 boxes of information stored in the Executive Building and nearby warehouse, including nearly 3,000 boxes of permanently archived government information stored in a fire proof

vault.

BIA regulations order that non-permanent, cold storage records must be held for a certain number of years before they can be destroyed and with the Nation's enterprises and government expanding, the shelves at both locations were near maximum capacity. For example, Records Division Manager Denise Redbird stated that in 2008-2009 the Division received nearly 11,000 boxes of information that needed to be stored for at least five years. The same year only 6,100 boxes were eligible to be shredded.

Cold storage items include enterprise receipts, gaming records, employee timesheets, applications and personnel files. Because most items in cold storage need to be kept a minimum of five years before they can be destroyed, Denise explained that the cold storage area in both locations are 95 percent full and the shelves were filling up faster every year. She added that records currently stored in the Executive building will remain there.

Smoke alarms and detectors are located throughout the warehouse and the new vault features new protection. Because the items in the vault need to be protected from fire without using water, a Sapphire Suppression System that releases a gas to put out a fire has been installed. The vault also features an automatic system that moves the shelves and allows easier access to the stored boxes. Denise said that before information is put into the vault, each item is scanned and cleaned with an acid free material designed to prevent the paper aging process. "A hundred years from now, the paper records in the vault will still be preserved," she added.

Although the cold storage portion of the expanded warehouse will not be heated, the vault is climate controlled. The office is equipped with heated floors, air conditioning and a restroom. The records shredder is located in a



The new Record Division features natural light.

separate room that features a system that filters the dust outside, offering more protection to the employees working in that area.

In addition to storing records that tell the Nation's history, the Records Division serves as a daily source of information to employees and tribal members. Archivist Bethany Redbird explained that typical requests range from someone from the Department of Justice wanting minutes of a legislative meeting to someone in Treasury needing old receipts. She explained that the Division typically does about 50 searches a month for employees and a handful a year for tribal members just wanting information.

Denise recalled when it could take days to get someone the information they wanted. "When I started 17 years ago, we physically went through the boxes looking for answers," she said. "Times have changed."

Bethany explained and demonstrated that because some of the records placed in the vault are electronically filed before being put into storage, a request for information can usually be filled in a few minutes. Employees began moving in to the



With the touch of a button the shelves in the new vault can moved allowing easier access to stored records.

office the week of March 21 and plans are to offer a tour of the building at a later date.

Record Division employees moving to the new office are Division Manager Denise Redbird, Archivist Bethany Redbird and Record Clerks, John Szarfinski and Candace Conant. Camera Operators Mark Deford and Sharon Cain will continue to work in the Executive Building.



The Division of Records, "ready to grow" last November.



The new Division of Records addition.

## Community Center coming to Dells Dam

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

On March 23, the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing & Community Development Agency-HHCDA announced that it had been awarded a \$600K HUD Indian Community Block Grant, funding that will go toward the construction of a Community Center in Dells Dam, an Area I community located 15 miles from Black River Falls.

HHCDA Development of Modernization Director, Neil Whitegull said the need for a Community Center in the area has been discussed in the past and the funding will provide a place for the 68 Ho-Chunk Nation members who live in Clark County to have a place to hold weddings, family gatherings and other social and educational events.

In the application, HHCDA Grant Writer, Paul Tysee noted that the Center will satisfy the growing communities need for convenience. The nearest Ho-Chunk Nation facility is in Black River Falls and

Tysee stated that particularly in the winter, snow covered and slippery roads make the trip unsafe. He stated that having their own meeting site will help Dells Dam residents preserve their traditional culture, as people will stay in the community and not move to Black River Falls.

At a Listening Session conducted by HHCDA at Dells Dam earlier this year, residents stressed that when a tornado struck the community last summer, a place like the Community Center would have provided a safe, comforting gathering space for the community to share their thoughts and recover.

Plans call for the Community Center to be built on the Whitebear Property on Bush Road. Although the Nation was awarded funding that will cover about 80 percent of the estimated project costs, Whitegull explained that because Congress has not yet approved and passed the HUD budget for the 2011 fiscal year, he is uncertain when the Nation will actually receive

the funds. He added that typically funds are allocated two to three months after the budget is approved. Although the Community Center would not have to be on trust land property, Whitegull added that HHCDA may have to wait for approval of the trust application that was submitted for the site that is currently fee simple property owned by the Nation. If the trust application and HUD budget are approved, HHCDA expects to begin construction sometime this summer.

Tysee stated that the proposed 4,000-square-foot

building will feature a large community fellowship hall and coatroom, a full service kitchen with appliances and a serving counter, a conference/office room, classrooms, restrooms and mechanical space. He added that the conference room and classroom would provide space for on-site educational activities, including Ho-Chunk language and cultural instruction.

The project will involve site work; including clearing, leveling, grading and the construction of a driveway, parking lot and

sidewalks. HHCDA will work with the Ho-Chunk Nation Environmental Health Division to develop the needed water, sewer and drainage infrastructure.

Tysee concluded that during the construction phase of the project, employment for low-income HHCDA community members will be promoted by coordination between the Nation's TERO Office and the contractor. At least in the short term, he believes this will help reduce the very high unemployment rate among Ho-Chunk Nation Clark County households.



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If you are interested in attending the conference contact Toni Pettibone at the Black River Falls TAU at 715-284-0811. Rooms are available on a first come first serve basis and you must have someone to share the room with. The cut-off date for registering for rooms is April 22nd.



# North to Alaska

## Ho-Chunk singers and dancers visit Anchorage

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Thirteen members of the Ho-Chunk Nation spent the weekend of March 25-28 performing at the Ida'ina Gathering, an international pow-wow held in Anchorage, AK.

Hosted by the Tebughna Foundation that was founded in 2007 to preserve, enhance, educate and serve the community of Tyonek and the shareholders of the Tyonek Native Corporation (TNC), the Gathering is held to promote friendship with the Beach People of Tyonek.

The TNC is an international firm that delivers a range of services that range from manufacturing, engineering, aircraft maintenance and tourism.

The Ho-Chunk Drum, Little Thunder, was one of only two from outside Alaska to appear at the Gathering and singer William Collins explained how the group came to play at the celebration. The group was contacted last fall by TNC President Michaelene Stephan, who later hosted and arranged the groups' visit to Alaska. To pay for the trip, the group raised approximately \$2,000, a figure

matched by the Legislature. All other costs were covered by the event organizers.

The contingent left Minneapolis on March 25 and returned on March 28. Along with participating in the pow-wow, the Ho-Chunk singers and dancers put on a special show on Sunday, March 27. Among the dances featured at the show were the Men's Woodland and Fish Dances and the Women's Appliqué Old-Style Scrub and Swan Dances. The group also performed the Snake and Friendship Dances.

Collins stated that although the trip was short the visit to Alaska was memorable. "We thank all the people in Alaska for the great time and great hospitality. We've song all over the United States and have never been treated as well as we were by the pow-wow organizers and the citizens of Alaska. We will miss the very special people of Alaska. We hope to come out again soon. We made great friends and will cherish that friendship forever. Thank you for making this a great pow-wow experience."

The group wishes to thank the Ho-Chunk Legislature for their support



**Ho-Chunk members who participated in the Ida'ina Gathering take a break under the Alaskan sky. Standing from left to right are: Heath Littlejohn, Alicia Lucero, Jasmyne Collins, Bo Lucero, Dixon Funmaker, Travis Rave, Troy Swallow, Fletcher Collins, Donovan Collins, Jessica Cloud and Tara Swallow. Kneeling are Forrest Funmaker (left) and William Collins.**

and other departments in the Nation that made the trip possible. For example, Administration provided the transportation to and from the Minneapolis Airport. Collins added

that the Little Thunder Singers also wanted to thank all the other singers who couldn't make the trip but "were with us in spirit."

# Longest Walk 3 - Northern Route

PORTLAND, OREGON TO WASHINGTON DC - February 14 - July 11, 2011

We are a group of committed individuals who have volunteered to support the Northern Route effort of the "2011 Longest Walk 3 to Reverse Diabetes". Our route will travel through the states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Virginia. Each day volunteers and community members will walk a total of 15 - 25 miles, and runners will average about 50 miles. In Warrenton, Virginia the Southern and Northern groups will converge and finish the walk to the Nation's capitol en masse.

While passing through native communities, our goal is to advocate for major changes in our eating habits and to promote beneficial exercise programs. Presentations and events will be held along the way on topics about reversing diabetes and heart disease in Indian Country.

There are many logistical concerns

and considerations for planners of such an extraordinary event such as: weather, safe routes for the volunteers, food, lodging, support vehicles to follow, and the need for walkers and/or runners to help relieve the current team as they run out of steam.

Please consider donating to the 2011 Longest Walk. While en route and between native communities, food and lodging will need to be provided for those volunteering and for those that are walking across country or across their state. Currently, we are working with State Coordinators to help with very important arrangements such as gas cards, unencumbered funds to be used solely for support and emergencies, and sound vehicles.

Your sponsorship would be greatly appreciated at any level. With the high price of gas, help or donations toward gas would also be greatly appreciated to keep the vehicles running between participants along the route and ways

to maintain communication in case of emergency. Donations toward food, supplies, and lodging, when camping is out of the question, is also a concern.

We would appreciate hearing from you and possibly visit with you further about our plans and supporting organizations. Please help us provide an overabundance of support for the walkers/runners as they travel through Wisconsin because once they leave our territories, there are not many reservations in which they will travel as they continue their journey to Washington DC.

Currently, the following locations are when and where volunteers and donations are needed:

May 8 - Superior to S t. Croix  
May 9 - St. Croix to Lac Courte Oreilles  
May 10 - Lac Courte Oreilles to Lac Du Flambeau  
May 12th - Lac Du Flambeau to Crandon-Mole Lake

May 13th - Crandon-Mole Lake to Neopit  
May 14th- Neopit to Keshena -Possible stop in between at Pine Hills Golf Course, Stockbridge-Munsee  
May 15th - Keshena to Oneida  
May 17th - Oneida to Milwaukee  
May 18th or 19th - Milwaukee  
May 21st - Milwaukee to Kenosha-Racine  
May 22nd - State Line- Handoff to Illinois Winthrop Harbor

Thank you for your time in allowing us to share our dream. We hope to hear from you soon. It would be great if Wisconsin could take over the state so that they have time to re-coup while here, so they are completely refreshed as they depart to the next state.

Wisconsin State Coordinators  
Heather Cloud  
Sue Greengrass  
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# Basket Biography Helen Lone Tree

Submitted by  
Gloria Visintin - Exhibition Director

Helen Whiteagle Lone tree is a Hochungra master basket weaver of 10 basket forms and has complete knowledge of the black ash tree acquisition, pounding, and material preparation. Helen is skilled in carving bent wood handles with attachments. Helen was taught Hochungra basket making since the age of 5 by her parents, Sara and Floyd Whiteagle, and her grandmother, Annie swan Hindstyley. Helen has 72 years of basket making experience and is 77 years of age. Helen was taught basket making in the vicinities of Lacrosse, Wisconsin in the winter and Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin in the summer. Helen had 4 sisters and 2 brothers who did not learn Hochungra basket making. Helen weaves a triple twill weave basket which was designed by her mother Sara Whiteagle; and weaves the lampshade basket which has no bottom or top; designed and wove a round, basket with a single carved drop handle. Helen has

full knowledge of dying and color preparation and has been known in her early days to pound and finish a log non-stop in 2 hours, and finish material preparation in 2 days, a record setting feat of 46 hours.

Helen fondly recalls the "basket bees" which happened when a Hochungra family was in need of help. The basket makers all gathered, anywhere from 3 to 10 basket makers, at the family's home, bringing their tools, donated food and worked from sunrise to sunset. Some basket makers even came the day before and slept overnight, not minding sleeping on the floor. The log pounders pounded logs all day and prepared materials for weaving. There was a designated person to do the dying of materials, and of course, a designated cook. It was a time of happiness and much laughter, with all the proceeds of the basket sales going to the needy family. After the basket bee the others would have their turns having a basket bee at their home. According to legend, a black ash tree spoke to a woman in a vision and told her to

follow its instructions and her people would never starve. There was never a question of hotel accommodations, mileage or stipends. Helen recalls, "No one got paid...it was not a tradition...Frank and Mary Thunder would come and we would weave and make baskets...my relative, Margie Whiteagle slept on the floor."

Helen says, "I enjoy making baskets as a pastime", and thinks the Hochungra should continue basket making because it is a "lost art". Helen tells about the various tools used in those days, "a single-bit axe for pounding, a drop-knife for peeling...someone brought a jackhammer with a right foot which was used to pound logs." (the jackhammer split the fibers and was never used.) Among the tools used was a unique weft splitter which the men hand carved out of wood and customized it to fit each individual cut various sizes of strips for weaving, which they named "wiruso".

Helen's biggest problem in basket making is getting the materials. Helen can weave a shopping basket in 2



**Ho-Chunk elder and basket maker, Helen Lonetree from WI Dells.**

hours, fastest time; a round swing handle basket, 5 to 6 hours, longest time; Her worst basket was a little square one which she wove when she was 6 years old. Helen said "The best basket I ever made was a round single wood carved drop handle basket which I wove in 2009 for Barack Obama, The President of the United States."

Note: Due to a series of articles on basketry, this article was written on May 13, 2010.



# Ho-Chunk warrior Guard member promoted

Reprint by  
Tech. Sgt. Sarah Ellis -  
Wisconsin National Guard  
Public Affairs Office

In a ceremony complete with ceremonial Native American raiment and music, a Ho-Chunk Nation warrior was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the

Wisconsin Army National Guard Saturday (March 19) at Joint Force Headquarters in Madison.

David James Whitehorse Klauser of Madison, an assistant staff judge advocate assigned to Joint Force Headquarters and a state

public defender in Janesville, was lauded for his 14 years of service to the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

"He is a good example of a Ho-Chunk warrior and officer in the Wisconsin Army National Guard," Robert Mann, veterans service officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, said of Klauser. "He served his people, his country, and the Wisconsin National Guard proudly. He has earned the status of warrior ever since he signed up and went into the military."

Brig. Gen. Mark Anderson, commander of the Wisconsin Army National Guard, agreed.

"It was not hard to realize his tremendous effort and dedication, what he has already accomplished, what he has done, what he has been, and the value he has provided to this organization and nation," Anderson said.

Klauser is one of 74



**Robert Mann, Veterans Service Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, presents newly promoted Lt. Col. David James Whitehorse Klauser with a blanket during a ceremony at Madison's Joint Force Headquarters March 19.**

Wisconsin National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Ellis.



**Friends and family of newly pinned and promoted Lieutenant Colonel David James Whitehorse Klauser of Madison.**

Wisconsin National Guard members of Native American or Alaskan native heritage. Mann related how, during a 2007 deployment to Iraq with the 332nd Rear Operations

Center, Klauser raised the Ho-Chunk Nation flag over the headquarters building.

"That just shows the type of person he is," Mann said. "He is very proud of his heritage."

## The Nation remembers Vietnam veterans

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

On March 29, the Ho-Chunk Nation paid tribute to all Vietnam veterans during ceremonies held at the Executive Building in Black River Falls and Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells.

March 29, 1973 is recognized as the day the United States officially withdrew all combat forces from the Republic of Vietnam. To recognize and thank all the men and women who served in the military during the Vietnam era, on July 20, 2009, Wisconsin Governor James Doyle signed the Vietnam Veterans Day Bill, proclaiming that every March 29, Vietnam veterans would be remembered and thanked for their service.

At the Executive Building, Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Service Officer, Robert Mann stated that to his knowledge, approximately 230 Ho-Chunk men and women served during the Vietnam era, recognized as September 26, 1959 to April 30, 1975. Aware that all who served sacrificed, Mann noted that one Ho-Chunk warrior, Elliot DeCora made the ultimate sacrifice when he was killed serving in Vietnam on August 18, 1968.

Following a prayer offered by Gordon Thunder, guest speaker Thuy (pronounced Twee) Smith, co-author of the Vietnam Veterans Day Bill and the founder and President of Thuy Smith International Outreach, shared her story and some of her experiences with Vietnam era veterans.



**Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 get ready to bring in the colors.**



**Thuy Smith and Robert Mann following Thuy receiving a shirt autographed by Ho-Chunk Vietnam veterans.**

Born in Vietnam to an American GI father and a Cambodian mother, Thuy came to the United States as an infant with her parents. Part to be an "Asian", Thuy believes that while nearly 40 years ago the conflict ripped families apart and that many of the American soldiers have still not recovered from what they saw and experienced, "by coming together we can all heal." Her organization was founded in part, to bridge the gap between veterans and non-veterans in every community.

Thuy has traveled to Vietnam eight times in her life and in recent years has grown close to many American soldiers who served in the conflict. To bring a sense of closure, a soldier called and asked that she return a possession (a belt buckle) he took home from Vietnam decades ago.

Thuy acknowledged that while 80 percent of today's Vietnam population does not remember the era or were born after the fighting stopped, many American soldiers still care about what happens in Vietnam today.

She concluded that "today is a wonderful day to thank our veterans and take time to appreciate what they have done."

Songs throughout the ceremony held at the Executive Building were provided by the Iron Mound Singers. Flags were brought in by the Andrew Blackhawk American Legions Post 129, and a luncheon and cake cutting ceremony was held in the cafeteria.

## Ho-Chunk Gaming honors Vietnam Veteran's Day

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

On March 29, Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells and Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison paid tribute to all Vietnam veterans during ceremonies held at those facilities.

Under cold, cloudy skies, Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells Master of Ceremonies, Tim Hanson, introduced Guest Speaker Mark Lesko, Post Commander of the La Valle American Legion Post 242 Reedsburg VFW Post.

After serving in Vietnam and seeing many things, Lesko reminisced and spoke about the Vietnamese orphanages. He remembered finding two Vietnamese babies in a dumpster and shared his story about how he quickly took them to an orphanage and made sure they were okay. He has had the pleasure to stay in touch with those 2 babies who were adopted by a couple in the United States and have attended both of their graduations. Today, one individual is a doctor and the other is a lawyer.

After an absence of many years, Lesko last visited the orphanage in Vietnam in 2000. When he returned, many of the faces he saw were those that he last saw when they were kids. They are now adults. Some never get the chance to live life to the fullest due to Agent Orange, a poisoning chemical used during Vietnam, with symptoms such as liver dysfunction, severe personality disorders, cancers, or birth defects that have affected many Vietnamese people and those who served there.

Lesko was very thankful and honored to be asked to be this year's guest speaker. He said, "When we came back from Vietnam we were outcasts. It wasn't until last year at LZ Lambeau that we were welcomed back, and it was very moving." He also attended the ceremony that took place at Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls last year and hopes to come back in 2012.

Following the presentation, the



**The Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556 along with the Auxiliary.**



**Guest Speaker Mark Lesko, Post Commander of the La Valle American Legion Post 242 Reedsburg VFW Post.**



**Wisconsin Dells Singers (top L-R) Lead singer Elliott Funmaker, Kenny Funmaker, Carson Funmaker, Kerry Funmaker, (bottom L-R) Kane and Cody Funmaker.**

Wisconsin Dells singers sang the Flag Song (and Closing Song) during the raising of flags as Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells Security Officers raised the flags to full staff and back down to half staff. The Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556 (with Auxiliary) was also present and offered the 21 gun salute. Taps was done by Flutist Tommy Lee.

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
HO-CHUNK CASINO  
CONVENTION CENTER –  
UPPER DELLS BOARD ROOM  
BARABOO, WI  
March 9, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by V.P. Daniel Brown at 10:08 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland(EX)  
Vice President Daniel Brown(P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(10:28)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(10:28)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah(EX)  
Rep. James Greendeer(P)  
Rep. John Holst(P)  
Rep. Hope Smith(P)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr. (P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(P)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)

**DETERMINATION OF  
QUORUM:** Quorum was established.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda with the additions of items 2. Legislative Organization Act and Standard Operating Procedures, 3. Probate Code, Item 10. IRRP-CC Midwest Representative Resolution 11. MAST Lobbying. And District Concerns. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
Rep. Blackdeer & Pettibone arrive at 10:28 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Legislative Meeting – February 22, 2011**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Legislative Meeting minutes of February 22, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 7-0-5(Reps. Blackdeer, Walker, Jr. RedEagle, TwoBears & Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**SUB-COMMITTEES MEETING  
MINUTES**  
**Finance Meeting – February 23, 2011**

**MOTION** Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes of February 23, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 9-0-3(Reps. TwoBears, Greendeer, & RedEagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution – Authorizing Closing of Mitigation Monitoring and Maintenance Account at Jackson County Bank**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 3-9-11 A – Authorizing Closing of Mitigation Monitoring and Maintenance Account at Jackson County Bank. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-1(Rep. TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Development Meeting – March 4, 2011**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve the Development Committee meeting minutes of March 4, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 9-1(Rep. TwoBears)-2(Reps. Pettibone & Littlejohn) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution – Ho-Chunk Legislature Establishment of Land Acquisition Policy WorkGroup**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 3-9-11 B Establishment of Land Acquisition Policy WorkGroup. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Agenda Amendment**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to amend the agenda to address Myrtle Long's request next. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Myrtle Long Request**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve \$2,210.00 from the Elder Slot Fund for rooms for Memorial Services for the late Douglas Long family. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 11-0-1(Rep. Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**REPORTS**  
**Law Enforcement Commission and Police Department**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to accept the Law Enforcement Commission and Police Department Report. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**Department of Interior Policy on Tribal Consultation**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn that Legislative Counsel draft a position paper regarding the Department of Interior Policy on Tribal Consultation and to contact Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, if needed. Second by Rep. John Holst. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Legislative Organization Act Resolution**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to table the Legislative Organization Act Resolution. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Probate Code**  
**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to approve the two day training program on Indian Estate Planning and Probate and The American Indian Probate Reform Act, April 13-14, 2011. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-2(Reps. Pettibone & Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Patient Protection and Affordable Percentages for Tribes**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to table the Patient Protection and Affordable Percentages for Tribes. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-2(Reps. Holst & TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Agenda Amendment**  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to address the Rave family request. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Troy Rave Request**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to release the correct vendor list to the Rave family to seek funding from the vendors. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 6-5-1(Rep. Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act potential waiver**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve sending the letter to Mr. James Mayhew regarding the support of waiver of PPACA Required Removal of Annual Dollar Limits with the Vice President's signature. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-3(Reps. TwoBears, Pettibone, & V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Health Care Reform Mental Health Parity Act**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the amendment to the Health Care Reform Mental Health Parity Act. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 6-0-3(Reps. Holst, TwoBears & V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Pettibone and Red Eagle were out of the room.  
**Resolution – Ho-Chunk Legislature Inventory Update List**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 3-9-11 C Ho-Chunk Legislature Inventory Update List. Second

by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Reps. Whiterabbit, Walker, Jr. & Greendeer were out of the room.  
**HUDS Needs Assessment Update**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to table the HUDS Needs Assessment Update. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Walker, Jr was out of the room.  
**Advisory Panel on Outreach & Education (nomination)**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to nominate Dr. Alec Thundercloud to the Advisory Panel on Outreach & Education. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-1(Rep. Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room.

**Resolution – Authorizing to Pursue Assistant Payment Reimbursement Rates Under the Fostering Connection Act, Public Law 110-351, And Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Rates**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 3-9-11 D – Authorizing to Pursue Assistant Payment Reimbursement Rates Under the Fostering Connection Act, Public Law 110-351, And Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Rates. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 11-0-1(Rep. Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Department of Interior Environmental Compliance Memo**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve sending a letter to request to be grandfathered regarding the Pre-Acquisition Environmental Assessment Guidance for Federal Land Transactions. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District Concerns**  
**District 1:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve \$2,000.00 from Charitable Contributions line item as a matching grant to assist Little Thunder Singers with attending a drum and dance troop in Alaska. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 8-1(Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit)-3(Reps. Greendeer, Blackdeer, & V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 2:** No Requests were Submitted  
**District 3:** No Requests were Submitted  
**District 4:** No Requests were Submitted  
**District 5:** No Requests were Submitted  
**Conference Approvals:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve three (3) Legislators to attend the National Drug Court Institute, April 4-8, 2011 in Scottsdale, AZ. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 10-0-2(Reps. Blackdeer & LoneTree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Establishment of Legislative WorkGroup To Update the Legislative Organization Act and Legislative Procedures**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 3-9-11 E Establishment of Legislative WorkGroup to Update the Legislative Organization Act and Legislative Procedures. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-0-1(V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution – Nomination of Brett A. Blackdeer to the Indian Reservation Roads Program Coordinating Committee for the Midwest Region Representative and Designation of Alternate.** Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-1(Rep. Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MAST Lobbying**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears that Whyte Hirschboeck & Dudek coordinate a meeting with the subcommittee members on the house side regarding Housing/HUD program and Indian Reservation Roads Program. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to recommend that the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the President donate water and coffee to the Wisconsin Delegate of elected officials. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution – Declaring Support of the Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Patrick RedEagle to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 3-9-11 G Declaring Support of the Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative. Second by Rep. John Holst. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recess**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting recesses at 12:35 p.m.*  
**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called back to order by V.P. Daniel Brown at 1:40 p.m.  
**ROLL CALL:**  
President Wilfrid Cleveland(EX)  
Vice President Daniel Brown(P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah(EX)  
Rep. James Greendeer(P)  
Rep. John Holst(P)  
Rep. Hope Smith(EX)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(1:43 p.m.)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(1:41p.m.)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(P)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)  
**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum was established  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn arrives at 1:41 p.m.  
**Executive Session:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting goes into Executive Session at 1:41 p.m.*  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. arrives at 1:43 p.m.  
**Open Session**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Ratification of Executive Session**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Adjournment**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adjourn the meeting until March 22, 2011 the meeting is to be held at the Executive Offices in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**The meeting adjourns at 3:20 p.m.**  
Respectfully Submitted by,  
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary  
Darcy Funmaker  
Recording Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
March 22, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Vice

President Daniel Brown at 10:03 a.m.  
**ROLL CALL:**  
President Wilfrid Cleveland(10:06 a.m.)  
Vice President Daniel Brown(P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(EX)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer(P)  
Rep. John Holst(EX)  
Rep. Hope Smith(10:43 a.m.)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(EX)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(EX)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)  
**DETERMINATION OF  
QUORUM:** Quorum was established  
**OPENING PRAYER:** The opening prayer was offered by Rep. Roberta Decorah.  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to approve the agenda with the additions of Affordable Care Act, item 9. State Relations and Item 7. Tax. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
**Legislative Meeting – March 9, 2011**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the Legislative Meeting minutes of March 9, 2011 with corrections. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 7-0-1(Rep. Decorah) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES:**  
**Administration Committee – March 10, 2011**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the Administration Meeting minutes of March 10, 2011 as presented. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 7-0-1(Rep. Decorah) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**Election Board by-Laws**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to table the Election Board by-Laws. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 7-1(Rep. TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution – Elder Protection Act – 45 day comment period**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 3-22-11 A – Amending the Elder Protection Act of 2001 (4HCC §1) and Placing the Elder Protection Act of 2001 Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**IHS Proposed grant savings FY 2012**  
**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to table the Indian Health Service proposed grant savings FY 2012. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 7-1(Rep. TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Review Committee Establishment (referred from Development)**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to table the Review Committee Establishment. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 7-1(Rep. TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
Rep. Hope Smith arrives at 10:43 a.m.  
**Tax Code**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to implement the proposed tax code. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 3-4(Reps. Decorah, Littlejohn, Greengrass, Greendeer)-2(Reps. Smith & Walker, Jr.) **MOTION DEFEATED**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to refer the Tax Code to the Development Committee. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Resolution – Land Lease for Elaine A. Ploff**  
**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 3-22-11 B – Land Lease Lot #12 Winnebago Heights for Elaine A. Ploff. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 8-0-1(Rep. Smith)



**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Authorizing Addition of Larry V. Garvin to Sadie Winneshiek Lease and Name Change**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution – 3-22-11 C – Authorizing Addition of Larry V. Garvin to Sadie Winneshiek Lease and Name Change. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 8-0-1(Rep. Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Contribution to Chak-Hah-Chee Basketball Team**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution – 3-22-11 D – Contribution to Chak-Hah-Chee Basketball Team. Second by Rep. James Greendear. 5-2(Rep. Littlejohn & V.P. Brown)-2(Reps. TwoBears & Walker, Jr) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Ho-Chunk Nation Organic Gardening Cooperative**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to table the Ho-Chunk Nation Organic Gardening Cooperative. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Ho-Chunk Nation Signature Authority Change**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution – 3-22-11 E – Ho-Chunk Nation Signature Authority Change. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-1(Rep. Decorah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District Concerns:**

**District 1:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve sending the draft letter written by Attorney General with input from Traditional Court and Office of the President regarding the death of a Tribal Elder. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to increase the Home Ownership Program amount from \$125,000 to \$150,000 for purchase of homes for the whole program and that Elders and Disabled People are serviced first through the point system to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to have funds for the Black River Falls Youth Services come out of the youth slot fund to purchase a video camera and a digital camera for BRF Youth Service activities to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 2 – Baraboo**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to have District 2 Housing representative Paul Krause attend every other Baraboo District Meeting to give the housing board report to the Housing Board. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to appoint JoAnn Jones to the Law Enforcement Committee for the Baraboo area. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to allow Tribal members that test positive on their initial urine analysis to be placed on one (1) year probation status to retain their employment to the Administration Committee. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to have a person from the Department of Labor/TERO give a report

on Ho-Chunk members and employment at the next Baraboo District meeting to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FYI:** To have the Legislators from District 2 support additional funding in the Labor Department Budget to support a new TERO position to focus on the Baraboo area.

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to have the Director of Business attend the next Baraboo District meeting to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FYI:** To form a taskforce

workgroup for Ho-Chunk Preference.

**District 2 – La Crosse**

**FYI:** They changed the cut off time to 7:10 p.m.

**District 2 – Tomah**

**FYI:** to table the nomination for the Law Enforcement Committee Board until next month's District meeting.

**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendear to refer the District 2 Tomah meeting minute motion to request the Director of Business, Greg Garvin to attend the next District 2 Tomah area meeting to answer questions about our businesses and buildings to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 2 – Madison**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to refer the District 2 Madison meeting minute motion to hold the 2011 General Council at the Ho-Chunk Casino Conference Center to the General Council Agency. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 3 – Wittenberg**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to appoint Nicole Oknewski to the Law Enforcement Commission. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion for Ho-Chunk Nation to purchase a new trailer for W17980 Wittbirn Townline #3 to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 3 – Green Bay**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion that Housing look into buying rental units in the Green Bay area to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 3 – Wisconsin Rapids**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to approve \$5,000 donation from the Charitable Contributions line items for the shooting for a Cure Women's Pool Tournament for breast cancer research the check will be made payable to Marshfield Clinic. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 6-2(Reps. Decorah & Blackdeer)-1(Rep. Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion to approve \$5,000 for tribal member, Darren Brinegar's daughter to travel to Florida to audition for a commercial to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion to create a line item for breast cancer research to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 3 – Indian Heights**

**FYI:** Nominate Kim Waukau to the Ethics Review Board

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Indian

Heights meeting minute motion to check on the status of a sound barrier fence for Indian Heights to the BIA Roads. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to reappoint Roger Thundercloud as the delegate and Carson Funmaker as the alternate to the Law Enforcement Commission. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Indian Heights meeting minute motion to approve \$3,700.40 for Kenneth Waukau to attend a baseball camp to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the Taylor Smith request to the Finance Committee. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 8-0-1(Rep. Smith) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recess**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 6-2(Reps. Blackdeer & Walker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Greg Littlejohn was out of the room. *The meeting recesses at 12:01 p.m.*

**Call to Order:** The Meeting was called back to order at 1:05 p.m. by Vice President Daniel Brown.

**ROLL CALL** President Wilfrid Cleveland(1:13 p.m.)

Vice President Daniel Brown(P)

Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)

Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)

Rep. Clarence Pettibone(EX)

Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)

Rep. James Greendear(P)

Rep. John Holst(EX)

Rep. Hope Smith(P)

Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(P)

Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)

Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(EX)

Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(EX)

Rep. Robert TwoBears(1:13 p.m.)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established

**District 3 Concern**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to approve \$2,640. from the Charitable Request line item to assist Lisa Eagleman with past due rent and utilities. Second by Rep. James Greendear. 2-5(Reps. Blackdeer Decorah, Greengrass, TwoBears, Greendear)-2(VP Brown & Walker, Jr.) **MOTION DEFEATED**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the Lisa Eagleman request to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 8-0-1(Rep. Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 4**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to refer the District 4 meeting minute motion that Pat Schulz get paid for traveling for Enrollment Meeting when they were given the dates for quarterly Enrollment meeting to the Enrollment Board. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FYI:** To appoint Tela Edwards to the Ethics Review Board

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to refer the District 4 meeting minute motion that Ho-Chunk Nation donates \$5,000.00 to Japan's Disaster to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to refer the District 4 meeting minute motion to have a shuttle transport Milwaukee area members to Diabetes Conference on April 5-7, 2011 to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to refer the District 4 meeting minute motion to give \$500.00 to MATC (Pat Logan) for their pow-wow to the Finance Committee.

Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 5 – Minneapolis/St. Paul**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to refer the District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul meeting minute motion to have the Nation's I.T Department upgrade the capability for Board members and Legislators to attend meetings by Web-Cast and for a cost analysis to accomplish this to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to refer the District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul meeting minute motion for the Legislators to investigate the funding sources available for Area members to have membership in the YMCA/ Diabetes Prevention for tribal members to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Conference Approval**

**MAST**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve Legislative Attorney, Heidi Frechette to attend MAST on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 8-1(Rep. Blackdeer)-1 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**National Indian Health Board**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve Robert TwoBears and two (2) other Legislators to attend the National Indian Health Board, April 19-20, 2011. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 8-1(Rep. Blackdeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Work group**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to authorize the establishment of a workgroup composed of individuals from the Nation's Legislative and Executive branches, including the Department of Health, to address the implementation on the local, state, and federal level, of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which includes the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and to designate a Legislative staff member to take notes.

Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-1(Rep. Littlejohn)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Agenda**

**Amendment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to add the Organic Gardening to the agenda. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution – Continued Funding Agreement**

**Ho-Chunk Nation Organic Gardening Cooperative**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 3-22-11 F - Continued Funding Agreement

Second by Rep. James Greendear. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Budget Modification**

Second by Rep. James Greendear. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to refer the budget modification to the Finance Committee. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 7-0-2(Reps. TwoBears & Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to refer the budget modification to the Finance Committee. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 7-0-2(Reps. TwoBears & Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting goes into Executive Session at 1:58 p.m.

**Open Session**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting returns to Open Session at 3:45 p.m.

**Ratification of Executive Session**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-477 Federal Program Grant Application and Authorization of the July 20, 2011 – June 30, 2014 Mater Plan**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 3-22-11 H - 477 Federal Program Grant Application and Authorization of the July 20, 2011 – June 30, 2014 Master Plan. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to adjourn the meeting until April 5, 2011 the meeting is to be held in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**The meeting adjourns at 3:52 p.m.**

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# Working to protect a sacred site

*Education seen as the key to protecting historical mounds*

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

For the past year, Wisconsin Rapids resident Ronald Harris has been working to establish a Historic Site Preservation Committee that would help educate the public about the historic sites in Wood County.

Of a particular concern to Harris is an RV park and campground near Nekoosa that is the site of the Ross Lake Indian Mounds. The park and campground are on private property and Harris, a non-Native, has witnessed recreational vehicles, fire pits and picnic tables continue to damage the mounds.

A lifelong resident of the area, Harris explained that prior to 1970 the land was an open field that the former owner of the property recognized as being culturally significant to Native people. There were signs and maps of the mounds at the site, he recalled. He noted that over the years, various artifacts have also been found at the site. Local historian Dave Engel agreed that a Preservation Committee could be good source for educating the public about the history of Wood County. In 2002, sections of Powers Bluff County Park, a recreational site that is also the site of Indian burial grounds was placed on the National Register of Historic Places following representatives of various tribes educating the county about the site's



Recreational vehicles surround the mounds at the Deer Trail Park Campground near Nekoosa.

significance.

Harris explained that the campground and park consists of an estimated 35 acres, valued at about \$200K. Because he is concerned about the damage being done to the mounds, he has contacted among others, State Archeologist John Broihahn and Ho-Chunk Nation Archeologist Jay Toth. He continued that the current owners have not responded to certified letters sent by him and Broihahn.

He is concerned that because there is no notice that the mounds are there, the damage will continue. "It's devastation by a thousand cuts," he said. He added that he hopes to contact the individual trailer owners to at least make them aware of the significance of the site.

Toth explained that he

has worked with other communities to restore mounds that have later become tourist attractions and educational tools. He estimated the mounds at the site are 800-1,000 years old and believes that though damage has been done, there are still enough of the mounds to preserve. He identified nearly 40 mounds at the site, including three Bear, one Effigy, two Linear, one Club Linear, one Oval, one Biconical and 30 Conical.

He noted that the Nation has complained about the desecration of the mounds in the past and attributes their destruction to people simply knowing their significance. "Imagine people pulling up campers and setting them up in a local cemetery. People would have a riot over that."

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## Elder Protection Act

45 Day Review – Review end date: May 20, 2011

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature wants to encourage all Tribal Members to provide comments on any Codes that have been placed out for public comment. To accomplish this you may contact your Legislator(s) or Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Paralegal Melanie Stacy. To contact Melanie Stacy you may contact her by:

- (1) Email at [Melanie.Stacy@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Melanie.Stacy@ho-chunk.com);
- (2) Telephone at (800) 294-9343 or (715) 284-9343, Ext. 1342; or
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### SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

#### IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI & Juneau County, Petitioner, v. Amanda M. Hendricks n/k/a Amanda M. Allen, Respondent.  
Case : CS11-09

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Amanda M. Hendricks, n/k/a Amanda M. Allen

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### SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

#### IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Lana M Schocko & Milwaukee County, Petitioner, v. Stacy Gordon, Respondent.  
Case : CS11-07

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Stacy Gordon

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#### IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Woody Bird, Respondent.  
Case : CS11-09

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Woody Bird

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### SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

#### IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Nathan L. Miller, Respondent.  
Case : CS 11-05

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Nathan L. Miller

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The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation's newsletter and on the Nation's website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant's name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. There will be an exemption for adoptions. Pursuant to Wisconsin and other States' Laws certain information will be neither published nor released. This determination may be appealed to the Committee on Tribal Enrollment (contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment) by any adult (18 years and older) enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes Notice of Eligibility for Membership. EOPUB04082011

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
ACKLEY, Mason Edward JR	09/12/2008	43/64	Mau Shoo Cho Kah (Blue Feather) Edward Smith - 1901 - #01137	Mason Edward Ackley, Sr.	Karyn Louise Youngthunder
ACKLEY, Oscar Raymond	09/12/2008	43/64	Mau Shoo Cho Kah (Blue Feather) Edward Smith - 1901 - #01137	Mason Edward Ackley, Sr.	Karyn Louise Youngthunder
ANCISO-RANGEL, James Henry	02/18/2005	1/4	Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah Charlie Greengrass - 1881 - #00286	-----	Candy Louise Greengrass
BEDEAU, Keith William JR	05/29/2010	1/2	Ha Ga Kah Lewis Decorra - 1901 - #00406	Non – MEMBER	Carole Mae Decorah
BISH, Xavier Dwight	06/08/2009	1/4	Chau Zap Kah Black Deer - 1881 - #00174	-----	Fawnah Waukon Price
BLACKDEER, Alice Betrice	05/11/2006	1/4	Chau Zap Kah Black Deer - 1881 - #00174	Jesse Allen Blackdeer	Non - MEMBER
BLUE BIRD, Julissa Lariah	03/10/2005	1/4	Chau Zap Kah Black Deer - 1881 - #00174	Jesse Allen Blackdeer	Non - MEMBER
CASAREZ, Adonia Brielle	06/12/2008	1/2	Che Win Che Kay Ray He Kah Edward Greengrass - 1881 - #00281	Salvadore Jaime Casarez	Ariana Rae Youngthunder
CHASENAH, Aralyn Autumn	01/14/2004	433/1024	Leonard Walker - N – 1910 - #00394	Non – MEMBER	Lena Marie Walker
CHASENAH, Kaelyn Yvonne	02/16/2006	433/1024	Leonard Walker - N – 1910 - #00394	Non – MEMBER	Lena Marie Walker
CHAVEZ, Azrael David	05/27/2010	1/4	Mauh He Saw Wa Gi Shish Ga Brown Decorra - 1901 - #00398	-----	Thomasa Betty Patterson
CLEVELAND, Alec Michael	10/17/2005	63/64	Cha Wak Ja Xi Gah Will Greendeer - 1901 - #00080	Steven William Cleveland	Jessica Mae Snake
DeCORA, Spirit Boy David	03/08/2005	1/4	Coo Noo Kah No. #2 Henry Thomas Decorah - 1901 - #00927	David Arnold DeCora	Non - MEMBER
FITZPATRICK, Paul Colton	09/25/2011	3/8	Shoonk Ska Kah White Dog - 1881 - #00153	Casey Allan Fitzpatrick	Non - MEMBER
FOOTE, Renelle Angaline	02/05/1986	1/4	Chau Zap Kah Black Deer - 1881 - #00174	-----	Georgette Wilma Garvin
FUNMAKER, Calleigh Mae	03/11/2010	3/4	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. - 1881 - #00328	Derris Donald Funmaker	Brianna Amelia Littlegeorge
GREENGRASS, Dejanay Lynn	07/25/2003	1/4	Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah Charlie Greengrass - 1881 - #00286	Non – MEMBER	Patricia Ann Greengrass
GREENGRASS, Skylene Amecia	09/28/2008	3/8	Kha O Pa Say Ah Me Kaw Jesse Free - N – 1910 - #00930	Non – MEMBER	Willette Avis Greengrass
GREYOWL, Kingsten Allen	07/20/2009	1/4	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. - 1881 - #00328	Cody Allen GreyOwl	-----
HINDSLEY, Corey Michael JR	04/10/2009	1/2	Coo Noo Cho Nee Nik Kah William Hindsley - 1881 - #00213	Corey Michael Hindsley, Sr.	Rosalene Rita Goodbear
HINDSLEY, Eldon Orbert	09/09/2007	1/2	Coo Noo Cho Nee Nik Kah William Hindsley - 1881 - #00213	Corey Michael Hindsley, Sr.	Rosalene Rita Goodbear
HINDSLEY, Xavier Mose	06/03/2010	1/2	Coo Noo Cho Nee Nik Kah William Hindsley - 1881 - #00213	Corey Michael Hindsley, Sr.	Rosalene Rita Goodbear
KEARNES, Riddie Everette	12/09/2009	7/16	Ma Shoo Cho Kah David Hill - N – 1910 - #00053	Non – MEMBER	Non - MEMBER
KNOBLE, Lorelai Selene	06/17/2010	1/4	Hoonch Ha Ta Kah George Lonetree - 1901 - #00808	-----	Ninoska Soledad Flores-Lonetree
LaBARGE, Hannah Shae	04/02/1998	1/4	Wau Kon Chaw Jho Noo Kah Frank Winneshiek - 1881 - #00395	Willis Nolan Crowder	-----
LaFRINIERE, Arabella Ann	03/14/2010	1/4	Wa Con Cha Cho Nee Kah William Decorie - 1881 - #00486	Benjamin Junior Conway	Non - MEMBER
LANE, Vince O'Connell	11/12/2010	1/4	Na E Nee Kee Kah Alec Lonetree - 1881 - #00016	-----	Jonni Anne Metz-Lonetree
LINDGREN, Kyle Gregory	08/17/1995	1/4	Wau Soo Mon E Kah Frank Snowball - 1881 - #00502	-----	Laura Lynne Snowball-Connors
LONE TREE, Alyssa Briana	04/19/1997	1/4	Na E Nee Kee Kah Alec Lonetree - 1881 - #00016	Christopher Scott Lonetree, Sr.	-----
LONE TREE, Christopher Scott JR	03/15/1996	1/4	Na E Nee Kee Kah Alec Lonetree - 1881 - #00016	Christopher Scott Lonetree, Sr.	-----
LONETREE, Vanessa Lesette	02/05/1993	¼	Na E Nee Kee Kah Alec Lonetree - 1881 - #00016	Christopher Scott Lonetree, Sr.	-----
LOPEZ MARTINEZ, Mariah Catherine	11/17/2009	1/4	Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah Charlie Greengrass - 1881 - #00286	-----	Jocelyn Marie Lopez
McANDREW, Colin James	04/12/2009	17/64	Ha Na Kah George Miner - 1901 - #00237	Kenneth Raymond McAndrew	Non - MEMBER
NAKAI, Jada Shaye	10/01/1997	1/4	Mauh Tis A Kah Nat Sager Dick - 1901 - #01178	Calvin Lee Nakai	Non – MEMBER
NORTON, Kahrina Lou	08/19/2010	83/256	Che O Mon Gin Kah Ray White - 1901 - #01121	Non – MEMBER	Gale Susan Storm
OTT, Aaden Norman Gregory	07/16/2010	1/2	Paul Spear Smith Ma Na Pay Na Shin Kah - 1901 - #00581	-----	Yvette Lynn Smith
PETTIBONE, Victorie Marie	03/19/2010	13/16	Monk Shootch Kah Peter Pettibone - 1881 - #00582	Kric Victor Pettibone	Tasha Marie King
PITTS, Phaedra Nicole	10/20/1984	1/4	Ah Nunch E Ka La Kaw Joseph James Twin - N – 1910 - #00640	Non – MEMBER	-----
RAVE, Annaliese Marie	04/12/2010	1/4	Na He Kaw Duncan Rave - N – 1910 - #00775	Michael James Rave	-----
RAVE, Antonyiah Jase	07/26/2007	31/64	Henry P. Rave W – 1910 - #00839	Jason Henry Rave	Non - MEMBER
RAVE, Jamos Demax	11/28/2001	31/64	Henry P. Rave W – 1910 - #00839	Jason Henry Rave	Non - MEMBER
RAVE, Jashuan Duke	06/19/2000	31/64	Henry P. Rave W – 1910 - #00839	Jason Henry Rave	Non - MEMBER
RAVE, LaTaysia Tanae	03/11/2005	31/64	Henry P. Rave W – 1910 - #00839	Jason Henry Rave	Non - MEMBER
RAVE, Loyale Thomas	11/28/2001	31/64	Henry P. Rave W – 1910 - #00839	Jason Henry Rave	Non - MEMBER
RUIZ, Christobal IV	11/19/2003	13/32	Ma Cha Na Kah Jones J Decorra - 1901 - #00430	-----	Ruth Rae Houghton
RUIZ, Isabelle Marie	06/19/2000	13/32	Ma Cha Na Kah Jones J Decorra - 1901 - #00430	-----	Ruth Rae Houghton
SINE, Elaina Grace	07/26/2010	1/4	Hoo Chope Kah George Sine, Sr. - 1881 - #00727	Eric Anthony Sine	-----
SMITH, Donald Lee	06/16/2006	1/4	Wau Kon Chaw Neek Kah George Winneshiek - 1881 - #00432	-----	Shelby Lynn Wesho
SMITH, Janet Anne	05/05/2010	1/4	Wau Kon Chaw Neek Kah George Winneshiek - 1881 - #00432	-----	Shelby Lynn Wesho
SMITH, Janette Anna	05/05/2010	1/4	Wau Kon Chaw Neek Kah George Winneshiek - 1881 - #00432	-----	Shelby Lynn Wesho
SMITH, Sylence Terrance	11/12/2008	47/64	Cha E Nee Kee Kah Charles Carl Smith - N – 1910 - #00013	Mitchell Christian Smith	Christine Marie Crow
Taylor Michael	07/31/2007	1/4	Wau Kon Chaw Neek Kah George Winneshiek - 1881 - #00432	Non – MEMBER	Shelby Lynn Wesho
SMITH, Virgil Harold JR	07/31/2007	1/4	Wau Kon Chaw Neek Kah George Winneshiek - 1881 - #00432	Alan Lamont Walker	Lena Marie Snowball
SNOWBALL, Kylie Danae	09/04/2005	63/128	William Decorie - 1881 - #00486 Che Win Che Kay Ray He Kah	Neil Beau Greengrass Starr	Non - MEMBER
STARR, Devin Neil	07/14/2010	5/16	Edward Greengrass - 1881 - #00281 Mon Cha Qua Nee Kah	-----	Shelby Joy Visintin
STEWART, Javon Michael	06/18/2010	1/4	Elijah Whitewing - 1901 - #00195 Ha Na Kah	-----	Shelley Marie Wood
SUTTLES, Vanessa Ann Bruno	08/23/1982	1/4	George Miner - 1901 - #00237 No Ro Ho Kah	Dion Joseph Thompson	-----
THOMPSON, Alex Vito	12/27/2006	1/4	John Thompson, Sr. - 1901 - #00631 No Ro Ho Kah	Dion Joseph Thompson	-----
THOMPSON, Cohen Joseph	02/13/2009	1/4	John Thompson, Sr. - 1901 - #00631 No Ro Ho Kah	Dion Joseph Thompson	-----
THOMPSON, Vinnie Joseph	01/08/2004	1/4	John Thompson, Sr. - 1901 - #00631 Lootch Ke Skah Kah	Non – MEMBER	Cindy Louise Ward
WARRINGTON, Carron John	07/03/2010	43/128	White Pidgeon - 1901 - #01337 Na He Ho No Gin Kaw	Anson Roy White Eagle	Non - MEMBER
WHITE EAGLE, Aidan Dean	04/14/2010	35/128	Winslow Alex White Eagle - 1901 - #00017 Na He Ho No Gin Kaw	Anson Roy White Eagle	Non - MEMBER
WHITE EAGLE, Allius Roy	10/12/2004	35/128	Winslow Alex White Eagle - 1901 - #00017 Na He Ho No Gin Kaw	Anson Roy White Eagle	Non - MEMBER
WHITE EAGLE, Aric Allan	01/17/2006	35/128	Winslow Alex White Eagle - 1901 - #00017 Hay Mee Ma Nee Kah	Theodore Fred Yellowcloud	Carly Deanne Craven
YELLOWCLOUD, Christopher Donald	06/02/2010	31/64	Tom Whitewater - 1901 - #01021		

# NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Election. Constitution of the HCN ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code 2 HCC § 6, states in relevant part:

Chapter 1 Section 5. Elections. The Constitution prescribes two (2) types of elections; General Elections and Special Elections. When Three (3) or more candidates run for a seat in a General or a Special Election, there shall be Primary Election and, if required, a Runoff Election as described in Sec. 5, paragraph (1).

(3) Any candidate who received fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total votes cast shall be deemed as the winner.

Therefore the following were Declared Winners in their Respective Districts as of March 9, 2011.

District 1, Seat 2: Susan Weber  
District 4, Seat 1: Shelby Visintin  
District 5, Seat 2: Forrest Whiterabbit

## b. General Elections

(1). General Elections shall be held in accordance with Article VIII, Sec. 1 of the Constitution, which states: *Section 1. General Elections. General Elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of odd numbered years. Offices of the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary shall be filled at General Elections*

Therefore the following will be placed on the ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, June 7, 2011

## President:

**July 2011 – June 2015**

**Jon Greendeer  
Gregory A. Littlejohn**

## LEGISLATURE:

**District 2, Seat 1:**

**July 2011 – June 2015**

**Daniel Brown  
Andrea "Pepper" Estebo**

**District 3, Seat 1:**

**July 2011 – June 2015**

**Elena Terry  
Myrna J. Thompson**



**Article VII – Judiciary, Sec. 10. Election of Supreme Court Justices.** Supreme Court Justices shall be elected by a majority vote of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation, in accordance with the General Election provisions in Article VIII, Sec. 1, unless otherwise provided.

**SUPREME COURT  
Associate Justice 2  
Four (4) Year Term  
July 2011 – June 2015  
Todd R. Matha**

## ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Age Requirement. Any Member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who meets all other requirements established by the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be eligible to vote.

Residency Requirements for Voters: **A voter shall be eligible to vote in the District in which the voter has resided at least three (3) months prior to the General or Special Election.** See Election Code Sec. 11(a) and (b)

## REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

## ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Challenges must be received at the Election Office prior to 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. Such claims or challenges may be hand-delivered, faxed or mailed to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board  
206 South Roosevelt Road  
P.O. Box 756  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900  
TOLL-FREE (800)890-0583  
FAX NUMBER (715)284-8600  
E-MAIL:  
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. The Election Board shall post the list of eligible voters at the location of the Polling Places at least thirty (30) calendar days before the election. The Election Board shall accept written challenges to the list of eligible voters until twenty (20) calendar days before the election. The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Deadline to challenge the candidates (s) list to Election Board is Tuesday, May 17, 2011 @ 4:30 p.m. See Election Code, Sec. 11c.(2)

## ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Wednesday, June 1, 2011 by 4:00 P.M. See Election Code, Sec. 13 a (1) Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS Next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number. Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

## ELECTIONEERING:

There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places. See Election Code Sec. 13(f)

## POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) calendar days after the date of election. See Election Code, Sec. 14(b) (3)

## CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board

certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court. See HCN Constitution Article VIII, Election, Sec. 7. and Election Code sec. 18(a)

## POLLING PLACES:

**OPEN AT 8:00 A.M AND  
CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.**

•**BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI.**  
TRIBAL AGING UNIT  
INDIAN MISSION  
715/284-0811

•**TOMAH, WI**  
TRIBAL AGING UNIT  
358 EOS ROAD  
608/372-4547

•**LACROSSE, WI.**  
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE  
724 MAIN STREET  
608/783-6025

•**BARABOO, WI.**  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS  
52845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD  
608/355-1254

•**WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI.**  
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM. BLD.  
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE  
715/886-5444

•**WITTENBERG, WI.**  
TRIBAL AGING UNIT  
W17956 WITT-BIRN TOWNLINE ROAD  
715/253-3536

•**CHICAGO, IL.**  
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE  
5477 W IRVING PARK RD  
773/202-8433

•**MILWAUKEE, WI.**  
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE  
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE  
414/747-8680

•**ST PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, MN**  
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH OFFICE  
2314 UNIVERSITY AVE. SO. STE 409A  
651/641-1801

•**MADISON, WI.**  
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE  
1320 MENDOTA STREET  
608/277-9741

•**GREEN BAY, WI**  
PARISH HALL  
2936 FREEDOM ROAD  
ONEIDA, WI.  
920/869-1059

•**WISCONSIN DELLS, WI.**  
INDIAN HEIGHTS  
N9557 DYER AVENUE  
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI.  
(Call Election Board Office)

**OATH OF OFFICE  
WILL BE  
ADMINISTERED  
JULY 6, 2011**

In accordance with the HCN Constitution  
Article VIII – Elections Sec. 8.

Posted 04-01-2011





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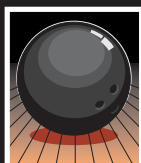
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## TENTH ANNUAL

### Jim & Hank Smoke Memorial Mixed Team Indian Bowling Tournament

Sponsored by Janette Smoke & Family



**Strike Zone Lanes**  
202 Superior Ave. Tomah WI

**Sat. April 23, 2011**

**Two Shifts: 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM**

**PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM**

Janette @ 608-374-2882

Handicap: Based on 80% of 200 for Men/Women. Copy of league standings sheet with current average must be submitted with registration. No average: men will bowl at 160, Women will bowl at 150 This is not a sanctioned ABC/WIBC Event.

**Team Roster: 3 men/2 Women or 3 Women/2 Men, Entry Fee \$150 per team**  
**Make money orders or cashiers checks payable to: Janette Smoke**  
(NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

Prize Payout: 1st Place Guarantee: \$1500

For Hotel information contact the following:

Comfort Inn (608) 372-6600  
Super 8 (608) 372-3901  
Econo Lodge (608) 372-9100  
AmericInn (608) 372-4100  
Cranberry Suites (608) 374-2801



**Good luck and hope to see you there!**

## RESIDENT SPRING CLEAN-UP INFORMATION

Submitted by Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing

The Department of Housing, in coordination with the Health Department, HHCDA and Tribal Aging Unit will conduct "Spring Clean-up". "Spring Clean-up" will be conducted in the following areas: Augusta, Baraboo, Black River Falls, Dells Dam, Fairchild, La Crosse, Lyndon Station, Mauston, Nekoosa, Osseo, Reedsberg, Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin Rapids, and Wittenberg.

IMPORTANT: please complete the "Spring Clean-up" form (available at the Housing, Health, Social Services, TAU offices and the Tribal Office building) and fax it to 608-374-1233 or return it to the Housing Department SEVEN DAYS before the scheduled pick-up date or call Housing at 608-374-1225 to apply for Spring Clean-up.

The Housing Staff will notify you two days prior to your scheduled pick-up date.

The Housing staff will not make return trips to an address. Tags will be placed on the door and a picture taken of the pick-up area when pick-up items are not at the designated pick-up site.

EXCEPTION: Return trips to an address or for an unscheduled stop will require a \$50.00 fee to be paid prior to the pickup.

1. The Housing staff WILL take appliances, furniture, tires (limit 10), batteries, lawn mowers, grills, bicycles, mattress, and other bulk items. The Housing staff WILL NOT take trash, garbage, lawn clippings, tree branches, oil or other automotive fluids, roof shingles, or items that pose a hazard, such as chemicals, paint, fuel, aerosol containers, etc.
2. Place all pick-up items at the beginning of the driveway, road or the curbside. Because of the liability issue, the Housing staff will not drive onto the property; go into the backyard, enter the house, garage, or shed to pick up items.
3. HHCDA will provide the details of their Spring Clean-up in their communities.

APRIL				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	23
25	26 Wittenberg	27 Wittenberg	28 Wittenberg	29

2011

You are invited!!  
The Fourth Annual Ho-Chunk Nation  
**Spirit Wind Prayer Day**

Wednesday April 27, 2011

Prayer will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

Dinner will immediately follow

Morning Star Church of All Nations  
14248 Hectorville Road Mounds, OK 74047

For more information contact Lorie Reider at 918-955-4676

Lorie is a Ho-Chunk Nation member whose homeland is Wisconsin.  
She gives honor and recognition to the Spirit Wind Prayer Day in Oklahoma.

## Ho-Chunk Nation S.A.F.E Shelter Providers Needed!!

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services is proud to announce that the opening of the S.A.F.E Shelter and is currently requesting Shelter Providers to assist with *overnight coverage* and *weekend coverage* at the shelter.

**Evening coverage:** Monday-Friday 4:30- 8:00 am  
**Weekend coverage:** Saturday 8:00 am to Sunday 8:00 am  
Sunday 8:00 am to Monday 8:00 am

### Qualifications:

18 years old  
Sign Service Provider Contract  
Participate in free training  
Complete background check (Mandatory for Soc. Srvc.)  
(Our grant permits us to offer a stipend of \$40 weeknight and \$60 for weekend nights for 24 hours of coverage for shelter providers that meet all of the qualifications. (In some cases we may offer mileage.)

Barb Smith (barb.smith@ho-chunk.com) or  
Jan RedCloud (jan.redcloud@ho-chunk.com)  
608-565-3096 or 1-877-847-8689

## ATTENTION: Firework Sellers

Starting Monday April 4, 2011 until Friday June 24, 2011

Fireworks Application packets will be available at the Division of Safety offices in Black River Falls.

Those tribally-affiliated Charitable Organizations who have not yet obtained charitable organization status for the purpose of selling fireworks on HCN tribal lands must submit a copy of the Organization's Articles of Incorporation, Board Membership and Bylaws, and complete a Waiver of Liability Form.

No permits for the sale of fireworks will be issued until the Charitable Organization's documents are placed on file with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Send documents to:

**Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor**

**Attn: Jeff Skinner**

**Division of Occupational Health and Safety**

**W9814 Airport Rd., Black River Falls, WI 54615**

Documents can also be fax to fax no. (715) 284-1520.

For additional information please contact the Division of Safety (Jeff Skinner, Nick Flugaur or Howard Swallow) at 715-284-5877.

## Monthly Board Meeting

**Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HUD)**

**Thursday, April 21, 2011 • 6:00 PM**

1102 Monowau Street, Tomah WI 54660  
(Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue)

**Board:** Lee Brown Jr., Howard Swallow, Colin Carrimon, Rachel Winneshiek, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Carson Funmaker, Lisa Stroessner, Cheri Byhre, and John Dall

**Agenda items by noon, April 14, 2011**

**Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222**

**HHCA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222 Fax: (608) 374-1251**

HHCA

## Homebuyer Education

Begin your journey to  
homeownership today!



**Date: Weds & Thurs  
April 27 & 28, 2011**

**Time: 4:30-8:00pm**

**Location: Ho-Chunk  
Convention Center,  
Baraboo, WI**

Contact : Winona Mann  
608 374-1245 Ext 238

Topics Include:

**Mortgage Lending**

**Predatory Lending  
Awareness**

**The Role of a Realtor**

**Budgeting and  
Credit Reports**

**Home Inspection**

*Learn about  
assistance programs  
offered to nation  
members through*



## HC United Church of Christ Cemetery Clean-Up

**Friday and Saturday, April 29-30  
beginning at 1pm**

If you have a loved one or know of someone who has a loved one buried here, you/they may be of assistance in identifying some of those stones. Over time, many of the stones have been lost or the names are worn off.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Heritage Preservation staff will assist with the GPR to identify anyone in locating their loved ones.

For more information please contact:  
Francis Wentz at 715-284-5515 or  
Hattie Walker at 715-284-2717

### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program is available to enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal members.

To qualify for this program the applicant must:

- First exhaust all other federal, state, county and local programs available
- Be an enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal member and at least 18 years of age
- Comply with program components
- Work towards self-sufficiency

### GENERAL ASSISTANCE

This program is available to any persons who do not have sufficient resources to meet the exential needs of individuals and families for members of federally recognized tribes.

To qualify for this program the applicant must:

- Reside on trust land
- Comply with program components
- First exhaust all other federal, state, county and local programs available
- Work towards self-sufficiency
- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe
- (Ho-Chunk members will not qualify due to per capita and the income guidelines)

If you have any questions and/or would like to apply for assistance call Fredricka Miner at 888-343-8190, extension 5104.



## Wa' iniginapšana

A heartfelt thank you to all the relatives and friends who extended sympathy, support and prayers during our time of sorrow in the loss of our loved one.

A sincere thank you to Richard Mann and Robert Mann for honoring the wishes of Wakajanik.



*You will all remain in our hearts  
with gratitude and respect.*

The Family of Irwin Eugene Thundercloud

## THE ALVIN CLOUD

BALLROOM DEDICATION CEREMONY

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011

NOON - 2pm

HO-CHUNK GAMING  
WISCONSIN DELLS



**ALVIN CLOUD**  
Njizu xocge maaniga

## Jon GREENDEER

for Ho-Chunk Nation President



## HAPPY 3rd BIRTHDAY!

*Cody Miles*

April 22, 2011

Love, Nani Celena, Gaga Sharon,  
Cuwi, Siga, brownboy, brothers & sister



**Ayriss Rain Mitchell**  
**Happy 9th Birthday**  
**April 16, 2011**  
**Love, Grammy**

## GREG LITTLEJOHN

*for*  
**Ho-Chunk  
Nation  
President**

**Our Families  
Our Nation  
Our Future**



LEADER, HARD-WORKER, HO-CHUNK LEGISLATOR & FAMILY MAN

Family is very important to me. The Bear Clan extended family taught me essential leadership skills as well as importance and responsibility of serving the Ho-Chunk People.

### EXPERIENCE

- » Ho-Chunk Nation Legislator for District Five – 10 years
- » Personnel Coordinator for the City of Minneapolis Civil Service Commission – 7 years
- » Licensed Insurance Agent, All lines – 31 years

Decades of constituent, business and personnel experience, all to confidently serve me well as President.

I believe we can continue to improve our Nation's government and programs. We can work together to make a legacy that would make our ancestors proud.

### PROBLEM AND SOLUTION

Currently, we have too many checks to be written while lacking the necessary funds in the bank. We can do better. We can better serve ALL of our Tribal members. We need to maximize our profitability so we can enhance our programs, support our elders, veterans, and children, while safeguarding our health today and in the future.

With your vote, my administration will provide for a better future for all.

Happy Birthday

**Roy Brandon Thundercloud**

from your friends and family in New Mexico  
and Wisconsin on April 6th.



## In Loving Memory of Marie Marcella White Eagle

2nd Memorial  
Prayer Meeting  
May 7-8, 2011

Morgan White Eagle  
Residence  
Baraboo, WI



Stephen J Kirkwood III, age 97, of Edgerton, Wisconsin passed away at his home on Sunday, March 27, 2011. He was born September 2, 1913 in Dellwood, Wisconsin to Stephen J. Kirkwood II and Maud Decorah Goodbear. A Masonic funeral service will be performed at the gravesite at Mount Repose cemetery in Friendship, Wisconsin at 1:30 PM on Saturday, May 14, 2011. Ho-Chunk drums will conclude the ceremony.

Steve started his schooling at the Bethany Indian Mission in Wittenberg, Wisconsin. He returned to the Adams-Friendship area for eighth grade and high school. He played center for the basketball team.

He married Clara McFarlin and they had two boys, Kent and Robert (Bob). He went to Chicago in 1937 where he worked for the Belt Railway Company for 37 years until his retirement at age 60. Steve and Clara divorced and he married Lora Cass. Steve loved to drive and he and Lora visited almost all the continental United States and Canada.

He liked to fish, play cards and visit Ho-Chunk Gaming. He both golfed and bowled until he was 93.

He was a lifetime member of the Elks and a life member 32nd Degree Master Mason. He was also a member of the Valley of Madison Scottish Rite Order and 30 year member of the Zor Shrine in Madison.



He was one of the original members of the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee (WWBC), for which he was honored in November, 2010. He attended every Ho-Chunk Annual General Council. At the time of his death he was the oldest living member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

He was preceded in death by his parents, both wives and four brothers: Lawrence Kirkwood, Arthur Kirkwood, Harold Kirkwood and Josh Sanford.

He is survived by his sons Kent (Jean) Kirkwood of Mount Prospect, Illinois and Robert Kirkwood of Baddeck, Nova Scotia, Canada; grandchildren, Mary (Jeff) Draffkorn, Catherine (John) Hoses, Elizabeth (Igor Gorodovsky) Kirkwood, and Joan (Brian) Sherrill and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent in his name to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607-1460.

Roseberry's funeral home is assisting the family. Visit [www.Roseberry's.com](http://www.Roseberry's.com) for online condolences and further information.

# Shooting for a Cure

*Pool tournament proceeds benefit breast cancer research*

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Twelve pool shooting members of the Ho-Chunk Nation were among the 160 participants in the "Shooting for a Cure-Breast Cancer Research Tournament" held April 2-3 in Wisconsin Rapids.

Tournament organizer, Doris Laskowski reported that this year approximately \$30,000, including a \$5,000 donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation was raised through entrée fees, raffles and donations. In ten years, the tournament has now raised over \$200,000, with all proceeds going to the Marshfield Clinic to aid their research to find a cure for breast cancer.

In recognition of the Nation's donation, thought

to be the largest single contribution, tribal member Cheryl Brinegar, who introduced the proposal to the Ho-Chunk Legislature, who later authorized the donation, received a pool stick from Jacoby Custom Cues in Nekoosa.

Along with the Nation's donation, tribal member Cari Spera donated a hand-made blanket that was later raffled off.

The tournament was conducted in an 8-Ball double elimination format, though each player was guaranteed at least eight games.

In the competition, Larry Littlegeorge placed second in the Men's Division of 32 players and Missy Redcloud placed seventh in the Women's Division of 128 players.



Area Representative Hope Smith (far right) with players (left to right) Barb Smith, Hilary Johnson, Carmen Redcloud, Erika Cloud and Cheryl Brinegar at the "Shooting for a Cure-Breast Cancer Research Tournament" held April 2-3 in Wisconsin Rapids.



Cari Spera (right) and Cheryl Brinegar with Cari's donation to the "Shooting for a Cure-Breast cancer Research Tournament."



Participants in the "Shooting for a Cure-Breast Cancer Research Tournament" included (left to right) Jesse Smith, Allen Redcloud, Larry Littlegeorge, Missy Redcloud, Mike Greengrass, Tony Snowball and Joshua Smith.

## Grateful for the opportunity

*Ho-Chunk youth Olivia Steindorf to participate in medical forum*

John Kozlowski, Staff Writer

Olivia Steindorf, a sophomore at Alma Center High School, was recently nominated and selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, scheduled to be held July 10-19, 2011 at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Seen as an early step toward satisfying Olivia's goal to become a physician, the forums planned activities challenge the students to learn more about the education requirements, career options and the ethical and legal issues facing those entering the medical profession. While visiting with providers and patients, students will learn about medical specialties and explore what life is like as a resident.

After high school, Olivia hopes to enroll at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and eventually be accepted into its Medical School. An Honor Roll student, her classes are chosen with an emphasis on math and the sciences.

Outside the classroom, Olivia's interests include music, tae kwan do, hunting and trap shooting. As part of fulfilling her desire to help people, she is also a "volunteer" at the Black River Hospital where she has volunteered over 106 hours since last summer.

Olivia was a participant in the 2008 People to People Student Ambassador Program and had the chance to visit France, Italy and



Olivia Steindorf, daughter of Beth Smetana and John Steindorf.

Greece. Partial funding for that trip and the coming trip to Chicago was provided by the Ho-Chunk Nation Johnson O' Malley Program.

Olivia acknowledged she is grateful for the financial help and support the Nation has provided.

A member of the Warrior Clan, Olivia is the daughter of Beth Smetana and John Steindorf.

## Let the season begin



Tracy Pecore, Newsletter Editor

*"Can you feel it! Baseball and softball are in the air! If you listen real closely, you will hear the sound of home plates being swept by mini brooms. If you take a big whiff, you will probably smell ballpark hot dogs, pretzels and a faint hint of pine tar."* (Babe Ruth League)

With the snow almost gone, heading into the tornado season, and the weather becoming a tad bit warmer, athletes are warming up their arms, dusting off their cleats, and oiling up their gloves for the 2011 season to begin. Many leagues have already had registration, conducted league evaluations and tryouts, started practicing, and have already played in a few scrimmages or tournaments to work out the kinks.

For some, this will be their last season playing with the same team mates since tee ball, and then it's off to college to compete for a starting position against players from other cities and states. Like any other sport, it takes a lot of hard work, dedication, and motivation whether it's for baseball, softball, track, soccer, golf, or cross country. Don't forget about keeping up the good grades.

*As a team player, a coach,  
or a supporting parent...  
remember to have fun  
and good luck this season.*